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SETTING UP OF TRAINING CENTRES BY AGRICULTURE GRADUATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) proposes to give an opportunity to trained agriculture graduates to set up centres with linkage to farmer`s fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a major revamp would be required for infrastructure development in universities and research institutions; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the ICAR in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Co- operation, in association with ICAR has formulated a scheme on `Agri-business and Agri-clinics`. The scheme has been launched and operationalised through Small Farmers Agri- Business Consortium (SFAC). Under the scheme, there is a provision of 5000 ventures to be set up by the graduates from Agriculture Sciences to be established in rural environment. They will be provided soft loan through National Agriculture Banking & Rural Development (NABARD) for establishing these ventures. The training to the graduates seeking loan would be provided at State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and ICAR institutes.

(c) No Sir. The universities and institutes have the requisite infrastructure facilities to impart such trainings.

(d) Question does not arise.